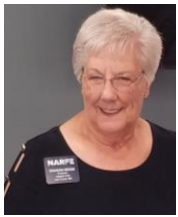




National Web Site: www.narfe.org

Local Web Site: <http://www.narfe-nm.net/ch0182/ch0182.html>



Sharon Reese
*(NM Federation President
& Chapter 182 President)*

Here is some important information
on two upcoming NARFE elections.

1. Our Chapter Executive Board Elections

It was announced at our February meeting that members interested in any of the positions (President, Executive Vice President for Legislation, Vice President for Membership, Secretary, or Treasurer) should contact one of our nominating committee members: Chuck James at 575-524-1235 or John Reese at 575-649-0615 by February 21st. If you were not present and would like to be placed on the ballot, please attend the March 12th meeting as nominations from the floor may be made at that time. If you are nominating a member for one of the positions, please obtain the candidate's approval before making the nomination. See Page 5 for current ballot for casting your vote. A separate email with ballot will also be mailed out to those with email addresses on file with our chapter.

2. Election of National President, Secretary/Treasurer and Regional Vice Presidents will take place in August. Candidate statements are on the NARFE website. Login as a member, click on Member Quick Links, click on 2022 NARFE Election Information. The Bylaw Resolutions are to be posted soon.



General Meeting
Saturday, March 12, 8:30 a.m.
Creative Arts Room at the
Good Samaritan Village
Program:
Home Fire Prevention
Las Cruces Fire Department
Aubrie Krause
(Firefighter/Paramedic)

This program will include what is necessary to keep in your home for fire safety, how to safety-proof your house, and how to plan escape routes in case of a fire.

Come and learn about this vital information. Bring a guest to this very informative meeting. There is a cost of \$13.00 for the breakfast buffet beginning at 8:45, and reservations must be made by March 1st by calling **Carol Main at 575-382-7686**.



Donna Harris
Program Chair



Records Officer
(Carol Main)



We do not have any new members to announce this month, but we still have a strong chapter membership of **227** members!

Reminder: Have you changed your home address, telephone number, or email address? If you have dropped your landline and are using your cell phone only, let me know. Please notify me at csmain7@gmail.com or phone 575-382-7686.

We don't want you to miss any copies of the **NARFE** magazine, our chapter newsletter, or any notices we send out.

**VP/Membership &
Chapter Historian**

(Dan Carroll)



Spring is just around the corner. Nice days sandwiched around some windy ones! We now have **227** members in our local chapter. Wow! Daylight Savings Time begins on March 13th. Turn your clocks ahead one hour at midnight. Holidays this month include St. Patrick's Day on March 17th. Can't wait for corn beef and cabbage! Full moon is March 18th. Quote of the month: "The worst loneliness is not to be comfortable with yourself." – Mark Twain. Have a great month and our next general meeting is on Saturday, March 12th at 8:30 a.m. at Good Samaritan Village. See you there!



Sunshine Report (Marcele Skelton)



More sunshine will be coming our way this month.
March is the first month of Spring which begins March.

There are lots of important happenings and holidays in March: Daylight Savings Time begins March 13, Saint Patrick's Day March 17, Women's History Month, National Nutrition Month, American Red Cross Month, Fire Prevention Month, and WAC Basketball Tournament, Las Vegas, NV for NMSU Aggie fans. Enjoy all the good things March brings!

A Get Well card was sent to Mary Beth Reinhart who fell and broke her leg in two places. A Get Well card was also sent to Steve and Judy Rosco. Steve was hospitalized in early January. We hope Mary Beth and Steve are well on their road to recovery.

A card was sent to the John Reese family. John's brother passed away in Utah. John is active in our chapter and Sharon is our Chapter President.

Have some fun by answering this March riddle: WHEN IS AN IRISH POTATO NOT AN IRISH POTATO?

The answer to the Valentine's riddle: WHAT DID THE OCTOPUS SAY TO HIS VALENTINE? (I want to hold your hand, hand, hand, hand.)

Please let me know if you hear of a member who is ill, has passed away or could use a little sunshine in their life. Marcelle: 575-521-4954 or marcele@skelton.net.



Service Officer (Jim Kielty)

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AGAIN INCREASES IN JANUARY 2022



The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Personnel (CPI-W), used to determine if Social Security recipients, federal retirees, and survivor annuitants will receive a Cost-Of-Living Adjustment (COLA) in 2023, stood at 276.296 in January 2022, an increase of 0.87 percent over the December 2021 figure of 273.925. The 276.296 January 2022 CPI-W was 2.93 percent higher than the average CPI-W for the third quarter of 2021, which was 268.421. The 268.421 figure is the reference point which must be exceeded for a 2023 COLA to be authorized. The average CPI-W figure for the months of July-September 2022 will be compared with the 268.421 average CPI-W for July-September 2021. If the 2022 CPI-W average exceeds the 2021 CPI-W average, a COLA will go into effect in January 2023. The February 2022 CPI-W will be released on March 10.

4.6 PERCENT PAY INCREASE FOR FY 23 TO BE PROPOSED FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

As part of its FY 23 budget request, the Biden administration is expected to propose a 4.6 percent pay increase for current federal employees. The complete budget request will be sent to Congress shortly after the State of the Union Address scheduled for March 1. It is not known at this point what portion of the proposed 4.6 percent increase would be for an across-the-board increase and what portion would be used for locality pay. If the 4.6 percent increase is ultimately approved by Congress and signed into law by the President, this would be the largest pay increase for federal employees in 15 years.



Federal Employee Education & Assistance (FEEA) – Roy Willoughby

NARFE-FEEA'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - Find online at: feea.org/scholarships

The application deadline is Thursday, 24 March 2022 at 3:00 pm EDT.

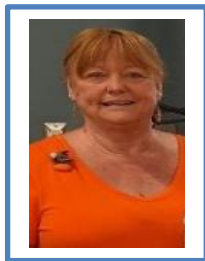
Eligible students are:

- Children or stepchildren of federal employees. Student may be a high school senior or already in college and must be under age 25 and unmarried. (Grandchildren are eligible for NARFE and BIG-sponsored scholarships only)
- Spouses of federal employees
- Federal employees.

All students must:

- Have an unweighted, cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Be in or entering a degree-granting program at an accredited institution.
- Be a full-time student (only feds may be part-time), and;
- Federal employee sponsors must have at least 3 years of service by the application deadline. (For more information call Roy at 575-524-9395.)





*Alzheimer's
(Cindy Cook)*

We collected \$138.00 in Alzheimer's donations at our February meeting. The Alzheimer's Association had a double your contribution challenge taking place, so our actual donation to Alzheimer's became **\$276.00!** Thanks to all our members who participate in our raffles and donate money to our fund. Hope to see you at our March meeting.

**NM Chapter Alzheimer's Association,
SW Regional Office
1155 S Telshor #202, Las Cruces
575-647-3868
(alz.org/newmexico)
24/7 Helpline: 800-272-3900**

UPCOMING PROGRAMS FOR OUR CHAPTER MEETINGS

We have Jonathon Supp from Film Las Cruces scheduled to be our speaker at our **April 9th** meeting.

We hope to reschedule JJ Franzoy, the Trauma Coordinator at MountainView Regional Medical Center, to give her presentation on Fall Prevention. She was scheduled to be our speaker at our February meeting but had to cancel due to Covid.

If you have any topics of interest, please let me know. You can contact me by email or let me know at any of our meetings.

*(Donna Harris, Program Chair)
(md.harris1@comcast.net)*



--- **Be sure to read your NARFE Magazine.** March issue has already been sent out. It has information on legislative accomplishments. It includes the NARFE Bill Tracker which is a monthly guide to legislation NARFE is following. Check each issue for updates.

--- **FEDCON22** – NARFE's Premier National Conference will be held August 21-23, 2022 at Westin Kierland Resort and Spa in Scottsdale AZ. Registration is now open. More information is available at fedcon.narfe.org.

--- **Chapter 182 – Vote now for our Chapter 182 Executive Officers.** Information on voting is at the top and bottom of the Ballot on page 5. For those of you **without** email, you can write in your selections and mail it back to our chapter through regular mail. For those of you who receive our newsletters and messages via email, you will receive a separate voting email from our chapter that you can easily complete and return.

Ballot for NARFE Chapter 182 Executive Officers' 2022 Election

This Ballot reflects the candidates for the 2022-2024 NARFE Executive Board. Below each candidate is a space for a potential write-in candidate. Any write-in candidate that is a winning candidate must declare their acceptance of that position at the March Chapter meeting. To complete ballot, please enter either your Membership ID number (found on your NARFE Magazine label) or your name at the top of the form in the brackets next to the NARFE Member Name and/or ID. In order to verify voter eligibility, we need your name and/or NARFE ID number. If you would like to vote by secret ballot, put your name/ID number on an envelope and insert the completed ballot. Since your name/NARFE ID number will be on the envelope, leave it off the ballot itself. Envelopes will be opened and ballots only will be submitted to the Ballot and Teller Committee. Complete the ballot by entering an X between the brackets next to Yes. Leaving a blank is considered a "No" vote.

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| NARFE Member Name and/or ID Number | | [] | [] |
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| Officer Position | Nominees | Voter - 1 | Voter - 2 |
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| President | Sharon Reese | Yes [] | Yes [] |
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| 1st Vice President Legislation | Judy Rosco | Yes [] | Yes [] |
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| 2nd Vice President Membership | Dan Carroll | Yes [] | Yes [] |
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| Secretary | Marlene Mayfield | Yes [] | Yes [] |
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| Treasurer | Marsha Smith | Yes [] | Yes [] |
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You may return this ballot by one of three methods:

1. Please complete this ballot and mail to:

NARFE Chapter 182
 PO Box 16424
 Las Cruces, NM 88004-6424
 (Ballot must be postmarked by 4 March 2022)

2. Bring this completed ballot to the March 12th meeting and place it in the ballot box.

3. If NARFE National has your email, complete and submit your ballot following the directions in the separate email message you will receive from our chapter at lascruceschapter182@yahoo.com.



**National Active and Retired
Federal Employees Association
Chapter 182
PO Box 16424
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6424**

You Need NARFE and NARFE Needs You!

Chapter 182 Officers

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Las Cruces, NM 88001
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U.S. Senator Ben Ray Lujan (D)
201 N Church St Suite 201B
Las Cruces, NM 88001
575-526-5475 - <http://twww.lujan.senate.gov>

U.S. Representative Yvette Herrell (R) (District 2)
4440 Sonoma Ranch Blvd, Suite B
Las Cruces, NM 88011
575-973-4689 - <http://www.herrell.house.gov>

NARFE Monthly Meetings

The Las Cruces Chapter of the **National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association** normally holds a breakfast meeting on the 2nd Saturday of each month except in June, July, and August. The meeting is held from 0830-1100 at the Good Samaritan Village (Creative Arts Room/First Floor), Buena Vida Circle, Las Cruces. Reservations are required and breakfast cost is \$13. All members, those who might be interested in joining, and guests are most welcome. Membership is open to all federal civilian employees, retirees, their spouses, and surviving spouses. For reservations, contact **Carol Main (575-382-7686)** or email: lascruceschapter182@yahoo.com.

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